

be made, but it has no real significance. If you will read these statements in these transcripts, you will hear echoes of a rationale that justifies what it is that I'm trying to do. You know what happened to me? I'm like Paul Hornung. He was looking for his glasses and couldn't find them, he put on another pair of glasses and realized that he had them on top of his head. Thank you. Senator Elmer is going to loan me his, but I still have got to find mine because I'm going to need them. His head is a little larger than mine, or his ears are farther back. But here is what Senator Morehead said, this was an exhaustive research study and it was a very, very open process, and one of the reasons that this is being proposed right now is because some people are not being allowed to maintain or retain, within their own jurisdiction, personal interest areas. That was a reference to my proposal to go back to the old way. Our effort was to disseminate that area and to dispense it along the line so that many people had the opportunity to share, talking about the referencing of bills. Then this statement, this study takes personalities out and does it strictly on numbers and workloads for people. This was not adopted with any one senator in mind, or any group of senators in mind. Then we go on. I ask for you to sustain the new system, not to throw us back into the chaos, so that some of you who will be sitting at ten o'clock at night on hearings will not find yourself subject to that again. The chaos was based on people bringing pressure to bear and having bills referred to their committee because they had an interest in it. We come to Senator Wesely, it was thoroughly considered I can't think you can argue that we didn't look at this, examine it and make a decision last session. So I would hope all of you who are veterans will remember that and say that that decision was made and put it behind us. And then I would ask all of you to consider that the timing of the situation and the rationale that went into the change and uphold that change and reject the Chambers amendment, which you all did. Then we come to Senator Rod Johnson, who supported my motion and was against the new system. Here's what Senator Johnson said, the fact is if you want to look at abuses of power or studies, I think that we should look at the referencing of particular bills because under any structure that you develop I think you're going to have abuses there on particular people making sure particular bills are sent to committees,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.